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July 18, 2019

Chief Lisa M. Fowlkes
Federal Communications Commission
Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 201554

Dear Chief Fowlkes,

Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (EMHSA) would like to respectfully request approval of an FCC Rule Waiver in order to conduct a live Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) Test on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019**. A Backup Test date is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 10, 2019**.

If approved, the WEA test would be conducted at **0900 Eastern Standard Time** on both proposed dates, and would only be broadcasted to cell phones within Hamilton County, Ohio limits. The test WEA message will read: ***"This is a test of the Hamilton County Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is required."***

This will be the first live county-wide test of the WEA system for Hamilton County and will help bolster confidence in the county's ability to effectively notify residents, business owners, and visitors of Hamilton County that an emergency is in progress. This test is not intended to be a substitute for other scheduled tests of Wireless Emergency Alerts. The purpose of this test is to ensure that the WEA system will work during emergencies in Hamilton County.

Prior to the test date, an extensive multi-media public outreach effort will be made to help make residents, businesses, and county stakeholders aware of the test message's occurrence and purpose. Specifically, Hamilton County EMHSA will develop a marketing plan to include social media content, press releases, coordination with Public Information Officers throughout the County, and notification of emergency partners.

Hamilton County EMHSA plans to record test results and provide a detailed account of any problems or concerns that occur in the distribution of the WEA test to your office.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Emily Johnson, Community Outreach Specialist, at Emily.Johnson@hamilton-co.org or 513-263-8244.

I appreciate any consideration you may give this request.

Sincerely,

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Director, Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency